

# LOOKING SHARP

Personalise your homewares and footwear with a simple marker pen

Something magical happens when a Sharpie is placed in your hands – the lines are clean and crisp, and one design just leads into the next. Everyone can be an artist when you use permanent markers in your projects. This is not a craft that is destined to be a family heirloom for generations, but it does work. So bring out your dinnerware, give it a good scrub and start doodling.

**WHAT A CROCK!**  
Bring back the forgotten art of plate decorating with this fun and easy technique to decorate your crockery.



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## EASY STEPS TO DECORATE CROCKERY



Pull out your plain white crockery or buy a budget dinner set from a bargain store and make them priceless by adding your own designs with a Sharpie. Personalise your coffee mug with a quote or inspo for the day and bring out your inner artist with display bowls and plates.

### Gather your supplies

- Plain white crockery
- Sharpie marker pens
- Mod Podge water-based sealer, glue & finish

### You'll also need

Isopropyl alcohol; lint-free cloth; pencil; eraser; cotton buds; paintbrush

### Here's how

**STEP 1** Clean your crockery by washing it in hot, soapy water, rinsing well in clean water and drying thoroughly. Then use isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free cloth to wipe over the crockery surfaces you will be drawing on.



**STEP 2**



**STEP 3**

**STEP 2** Draw a design on your crockery in pencil. You can draw it freehand or you can make a stencil, wrap it around your cup and trace the design.

**STEP 3** Use an eraser to tidy up any messy pencil marks.

**STEP 4** Go over the outline of



**STEP 4**



**STEP 5**



**STEP 6**

your marked design in Sharpie. Here, black was used, but you can use any colour you prefer.

**STEP 5** Fill in your design in Sharpie and mark the borders. Here, a series of dots instead of a straight line. You can use any colours you like. Use a cotton bud dipped in isopropyl to correct any smudges or mistakes.

**STEP 6** Apply Mod Podge to your Sharpie design with a paintbrush. (Mod Podge is a non-toxic water-based sealer and finish.)

## EASY STEPS TO BESPOKE SHOES

You can customise a pair of white canvas shoes with nothing more than a handful of Sharpie permanent markers.

### FLOWER POWER

Let your inner artist out and give your fave canvas kicks a blooming beautiful makeover.



### Here's how

**STEP 1** Make paper sketches of your flower design and transfer it to the top of your canvas sneaks using a pencil. (Rub pencil over the back of your design, then when you go over the lines on the front, it will transfer it.) Use an eraser to tidy up pencil lines, and remember your Sharpies will cover up any light smudges.

**STEP 2** Uncap a panorama of eye-popping Sharpies in green, red, purple, blue, turquoise, pink, yellow and other hues, to bring your design to life in living colour.

**STEP 3** For shapes and borders you wish to stand out, such as the petals and stamens, trace the outlines in black Sharpie Medium Tip markers. Trace over 2-3 times to add greater weight (thickness) for extra boldness. Add any other details.

**STEP 4** Create a design on the heels in the same way. Let permanent marker work dry for 24 hours. ■



STEP 1



STEP 3



STEP 2



STEP 4



### USING YOUR CROCKERY

Although Sharpie markers and Mod Podge sealer are both non-toxic, they are not food or oven-safe. If you intend to drink or eat out of your decorated crockery, do not use the marker or sealer on areas that may come in contact with food or your mouth, such as the rim of a coffee cup. For more info, visit [sharpie.com](http://sharpie.com) and check out the FAQs.